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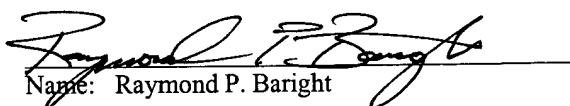
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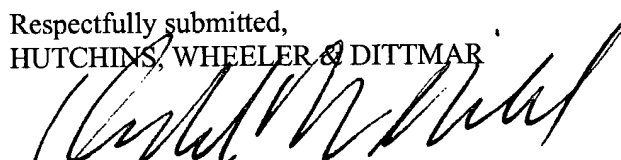
Sir:

On July 18, 2000 Applicant filed the Verified Translation of PCT Application with a large entity filing fee of \$1,100. A copy of that check is enclosed. On September 5, 2000, Applicant filed an executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status form in connection with the above-identified patent application. A copy is enclosed for your reference.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.28(a)(1), Applicant is requesting a refund of \$550 (one-half) of the filing fee because of the small entity status. Please credit the \$550 overpayment to our **Deposit Account No. 501136**.

Should there be any questions after reviewing these papers, the undersigned may be contacted at (617) 951-6676.

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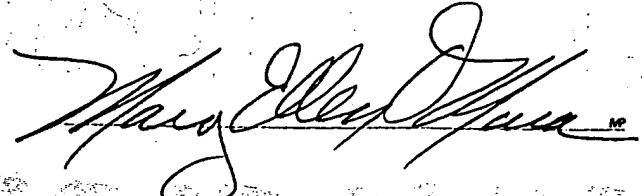
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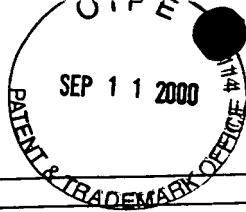
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(37 CFR 1.9(d) & 1.27(c))—SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

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I hereby declare that I am

- () the owner of the small business concern identified below:
 () an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Huesker Synthetic GmbH & Co
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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- () the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
 (X) the application identified above.
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If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

(X) No such person, concern, or organization exists.

Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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